

CULPEPER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

CULPEPER ANIMAL SHELTER



The Culpeper County Animal Shelter was built in 2000. It has facilities for 40 dogs and 34 cats. CCDAS is staffed with 3 Animal Control Officers and 6 full and part time employees.

The Culpeper County Department of Animal Services (CCDAS) operates the Culpeper Animal Shelter as a service for the citizens of the County. The Shelter is at 10144 James Monroe Highway (Highway 29 South, on the left just past the Culpeper Fairgrounds). Shelter hours are:
M-T-T-F: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Closed Sundays and holidays.)

LOW-COST SPAY & NEUTER

Twice per month the shelter provides a low-cost spay & neuter service for dogs and cats owned by County residents. Residents may drop off their pets at the shelter before 7:30 in the morning. Shelter staff transports the pets to and from the Shenandoah Valley Spay/Neuter Clinic in Harrisonburg. County residents can then simply pick up their pets between 8:00 and 9:00 the following morning. Fees are shown in the following table.

FEES	
DOG SPAY.....	\$65.00
DOG NEUTER.....	\$55.00
NOTE: \$25.00 Extra charged for any dog that weighs more than 50 pounds.	
CAT SPAY.....	\$50.00
CAT NEUTER.....	\$35.00

ment in conjunction with spay/neuter appointments. Call the Shelter for details and fees.

ADOPTIONS

The Department of Animal Services provides dogs and cats for adoption as pets. These animals are caught in the County by Animal Control Officers, turned in to the Shelter as strays, or given-up by their owners. CCDAS dogs and cats that are available for adoption may be seen at the



CDAS provides a low-cost spay/neuter service for County residents twice each month.

Reservations are required. For schedule information and to sign-up, call the Shelter at (540) 547-4477.

The clinic at Harrisonburg also provides immunizations, deworming, and flea/tick treat-



The adoption center in the Culpeper PetSmart.



Nancy Dunlap adopting BillyBob at Petsmart in March.

of spayed & neutered pets in the County. In 2009, the Shelter took in 141 fewer dogs and 128 fewer cats than in 2008. We hope this downward trend will continue.



Mobile vet clinic visits the Shelter twice per month to treat dogs and cats prior to adoption

or neutered. If you are a County resident and are unable to keep your pet, please do not abandon it in the Town or “dump” it in the Country. Bring your healthy pet to the shelter and CCDAS will try to find it a home. If your pet is aged or in poor health, discuss your options with your veterinarian.

County Shelter. Cats and kittens are also available through the adoption centers at the PetSmart stores in Culpeper and Manassas. Adoption fees are \$150.00 for dogs and \$75.00 for cats. The fee includes spay/neuter, standard immunizations, deworming, and flea/tick treatment if required.

Over the past years, CCDAS has made a concerted effort to increase the number

In 2009, CCDAS was very successful in placing dogs and cats into new homes: 204 dogs and 609 cats were adopted. The euthanasia rate for dogs remained at about 10 percent. Because of increased adoptions through PetSmart stores, our euthanasia rate for cats dropped from 43 percent in 2008 to 16 percent in 2009.

You can help by being a responsible pet owner. Please ensure that your pet is spayed

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Department of Animal Services is supported by the **Friends of the Culpeper Animal Shelter (FOCAS)**, a private, non-profit organization whose only goal is to find homes for adoptable dogs and cats. FOCAS volunteers provide a variety of services:

- Providing foster care for cats and kittens
- Socializing stray and feral cats to help them become suitable as pets
- Keeping PetSmart adoption centers fully stocked with cats and kittens



Kitten season is here! Volunteers are needed to provide foster homes for nursing mothers and kittens.

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Maggie's right eye be-
came diseased and was
surgically removed. She
was adopted in February.

Additionally, FOCAS uses donated funds to provide non-routine medical treatment for ani-
mals that are otherwise adoptable. In the past
year FOCAS, using local veterinarians, has ar-
ranged for surgery to remove cysts, extract dis-
eased teeth, and in three cases, remove damaged
eyes.

You can help the Shelter by supporting FO-
CAS. Volunteers are needed to foster cats and
kittens and to transport cats and kittens to
PetSmart stores. Volunteers are also needed to
assist with walking and socializing dogs at the

Shelter. If you wish to volunteer, call the Shelter or complete and send in
the following form.

FOCAS VOLUNTEER FORM

I'm interested in volunteering to help Culpeper's shelter animals.
I would like to (check one):

☐

Foster cats and/or kittens in my home.

☐

Transport cats and kittens to PetSmart stores
(must have driver's license and own vehicle).

☐

Socialize dogs at the Shelter.

NAME:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:

Return this completed form to: Culpeper Animal Shelter
10144 James Monroe Highway, Culpeper VA 22701

BARN CATS

Frequently, the Shelter has cats that
are unsuitable as pets. Some of these
animals, however, have the potential
to live long and happy lives as barn
cats, while controlling the rodent
population. All barn cat candidates
appear to be in good health and have
no known medical problems. The
Shelter ensures that all are spayed or
neutered, have routine vaccinations,
including rabies, and are feline leu-
kemia negative. Barn cats are pro-
vided to adopters for a minimal fee.

Adopters agree to provide the barn
cats access to shelter with protection from wind and rain, free-choice
food and heated water, and veterinary care as required.

For more information or to inquire about the availability of barn cats,
call the Shelter at 547-4477



Some cats prefer to live in barns.

**FOCAS welcomes donations and guarantees that all
funds are used only to help animals.
Donations may be dropped off or mailed to the Shelter.
Also, look for FOCAS donation jars in local businesses.
Donations are tax-deductible.**

Culpeper Career Resource Center

210 East Stevens Street, Suite 300
Culpeper, Virginia 22701
(540) 727-1055

Free help available to residents and businesses in Planning District 9
(Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock counties and towns)

Need a job?

See listings of current jobs
--provided by local employers
--or in regional newspapers
Use computers and printers for
--resume and letter writing
--electronic job searches
--Internet information access
--training
Use telephone, copier, and fax machine for
information and job search documents
Discuss with career consultant,

by appointment, your job search
and related topics including résumés

Want to change careers?

Complete Career Scope®
career assessment instrument to explore
career options
Discuss with career consultant,
by appointment, career options

Need computer skills?

Keyboarding and Microsoft Office
tutorials available to refresh or
build computer skills

Completion certificates available,
beginning and intermediate levels:
--word processing (Word)
--spreadsheets (Excel)
--database (Access)
--email and scheduling (Outlook)

Employers:

Free advertising of vacancies
or new positions you'd like to fill!

Questions?

Call us at (540) 727-1055

REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION

CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experience encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Language Arts, Reading
- Mathematics

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

George Washington Carver-Piedmont Technical Education Center

GED Testing Schedule

Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner

June 3 & 5, 2010

July 15 & 17, 2010

August 12 & 14, 2010

September 9 & 11, 2010

October 14 & 16, 2010

November 11 & 13, 2010

December 9 & 11, 2010

You need to register 10 days before the test date.

**Reasonable accommodations are available upon request,
for individuals who qualify.**

The George Washington Carver-Piedmont Technical Education Center (GWC-PTEC) is open to take your GED application Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Additionally, we are open late on Monday and Thursday evening until 8:00 P.M.



Piedmont Regional Adult Education

(540) 825-0476

Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation, or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages). Work on your reading, writing and math skills for GED and speaking skills for ESOL.

Call for information.

GWC-PTEC GED – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM./Tues. & Thurs.

GWC-PTEC, Rapidan, VA.

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.

Health & Human Resources, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Health & Human Resources

Culpeper, VA & Farmington Elementary ESOL

6:00 PM-8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs., Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:15 AM – 11:45 AM/Mon. & Wed.

Virginia Community Bank, Culpeper, VA

English Café 5:00 - PM – 7:00 PM/Wed.

Sycamore Park Elementary School, Culpeper, VA

Fast Track Class – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.

GWC-PTEC, Rapidan, VA

Literary Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Tues. & Thurs.

Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Literary Council of Madison GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.

Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed.

Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, Gordonsville, VA

Head Start ESOL—5:30 PM—7:30 PM/Mon. & Wed.

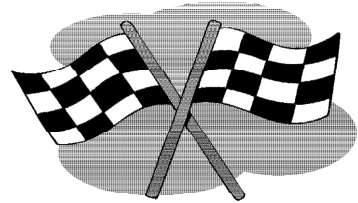
Prospect Heights Annex, Orange, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs.

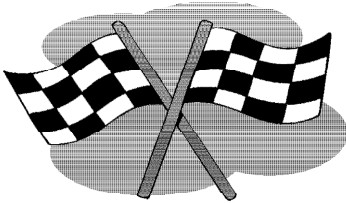
Orange County High School, Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs.

Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA



**Start Your Education
Start Your Engines for a Better Job
Register for Classes Call 825-0476**



Lenn Park Airfield Grand Opening! C'mon Down

At 11:00 am on Saturday, June 5, there will be a grand opening celebratrion of the new Lenn Park radio control model flying field.

This flying site was made possible by the donation of a tract of land by the Lenn Brothers, which will be developed for ball fields, picnic areas, camping areas, walking trails and the Airfield under the supervision of the Culpeper County Parks and Recreation Department. The Airfield has been completed first because it was developed by the users, the Culpeper Model Barnstormers, with no funding from the County.



A team built this giant Handley Page Halifax, a WWII British bomber. The model is powered by four electric motors.



Mike Dale assembles his giant Handley Page transport, powered by four electric motors.

The celebration will start with a flag ceremony by the Boy Scouts, singing of the National Anthem and then a flyover of a full scale historic airplane by its owner Mike Dale.

We will take time to acknowledge the contributions and support of the Lenn Brothers, the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors, the Culpeper County Parks and Recreation Department and the Barnstormers.

A model airplane demonstration will be staged with trainers, scale

models, helicopters, jets and high performance models doing exciting low level aerobatics. Then a training session will be held for anyone who wants to have some stick-time flying an RC model with an experienced pilot.

Model aviation has made significant advances in recent years. Most models now use electric motors for power. There are many "almost ready to fly" models available and there are many good-flying economical models, all of which will be on display.

Lunch and drinks will be available. There will be plenty of parking. There will be no rain date.

To get to Lenn Park from Route 3 take Stevensburg Road north for approximately 1.5 mile to just past Mountain Run and turn right into the Park.

To get to Lenn Park from Route 29 take route 666 Greens Corner Road to a dead-end then turn right onto Stevensburg Road and go ½ mile and turn left into the Park.

Once you are in Lenn Park take the gravel road for approximately ¾ mile and turn left to park at the flying site.

If you have any questions please call John Hunton at 540-937-3545 or email huntonj@comcast.net



Matt Hunton launches a small radio controlled model.

Are you looking for a summer camp?

**Magnolia Equestrian Center
Boarding-Training-
Lessons-Camps-Trails**

**20420 Germanna Hwy (Rt. 3)
Stevensburg Va., 22741
(Culpeper)
540-423-1033
www.MagnoliaEquestrian.com**



Magnolia Equestrian Center offers private hour lessons (\$45) from 9 a.m. until dusk. You may bring your own horse/pony, or you may use lesson horse/ponies. Lesson packages also offered.

Magnolia Equestrian Center Summer Camp

Session One:

June 21– June 25, 2010

Session Two:

August 2 - August 7, 2010.

\$285 per Session

The camp is offered to girls and boys ages 7 and up 9 am – 4 p.m.

Extended hours by arrangement (\$10)

All will have small group instruction according to level on horseback, learn horsemanship, horse care, and just have fun! Small snacks are provided; please bring a large healthy lunch!

Please Call (540) 423–1033 To Reserve Your Childs Fun TODAY!!!



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101 S West Street Culpeper VA 22701
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4-H SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Cristy Nibblins, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development
JoAnna Kilby, 4-H Program Assistant

Hip-Hip-Hooray!!! Summer is fast approaching and it's almost time for 4-H Summer Activities, the best way to spend the summer. We can hardly wait to begin the fun. 4-H has so many wonderful opportunities

to offer for a fun-filled and inexpensive summer that is a surefire way to bring a smile to your face. Whether you're 5-years-old or 18-years-old there is something for children of all ages. You are guaranteed to have a blast!

4-H Summer Workshops

4-H has a great line up of exciting 4-H Summer Workshops this year and we can't wait to share them with you! There is something for everyone ages 5-18. These 4-H Workshops are a great way to spend a few hours a day and take home some great treasures that you made during your summer off.



Bike Rodeo, 2009

- Cast A Line Fishing Workshop
June 28 – July 1 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. ages 10-15
limit 15 cost: FREE
- Spa Essentials
June 29 & 30 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 9-18
limit 10 cost: \$10
- Arrange It Your Way Quilting
July 7-9 & July 12-13 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 9-18
limit 8 cost: Free - a supply list
- Wearable Arts
July 14 & 15 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 9-18
limit 12 cost: \$12 & bring 3 items to tie dye and 1 shirt to paint
- The Princess and the Frog
July 15 & 16 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 5-8
limit 10 cost: \$10
- Slick & Slippery Soap Making
July 19 & 20 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
(cost and class limit to be determined)
- Wrap It, Mix It, Dip It and More!
July 21 & 22 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 5-8
limit 8 cost \$10
- Preserving Garden Fruits & Veggies
July 26 & 27 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. ages 9-18
limit 8 cost \$10

We are finalizing details to the following workshops: Bike Rodeo, Model Rocketry, and Christmas in July – a craft workshop. Keep checking our website www.offices.ext.vt.edu/culpeper for more information or call our office at (540) 727-3435.

Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud Day Camp was a new addition to the 4-H summer experience last year, and we are ready to do it again. This is a fun-filled four-day-event that is sure to please both parent and child. Daily themes include: "The Wonder of Nature", "Funfetti of Health", "Fairy Tales of Old" and "At the Seashore". Each day will be filled with arts and

crafts, make your own snacks, group games, songs and character development. Each child will leave with a great first impression of 4-H. Space is limited to 30 children. Please call the Extension office for more information and to check on space availability.

- Date: June 22-25, 2010
- Ages: 5-8
- Cost: \$60
- Location: Culpeper Agricultural Enterprises on Rte. 29



Culpeper TEENS, CIT's & Adults
C-S-R 4-H Summer Camp 2009

Culpeper-Shenandoah-Rappahannock 4-H Summer Camp

Our 4-H overnight camp is an excellent way to end the summer with tons of memories to hold you over until next year. You will enjoy exciting classes such as rocketry, performing arts, swimming, horsemanship and so much more. Afternoons are filled with recreation such as swimming, sports, games, movies and other group activities. With campfire every night it's the perfect way to end each day! Please call for more information and to check on space availability!

- Date: August 1-5, 2010
- Camp is for boys and girls ages 9-13 (as of 09-30-09)
- Located at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, Virginia.
- Cost is \$215 and includes lodging, 12 meals, a T-shirt, and all activities. A limited number of scholarships, based on financial need are available.

For more information on these exciting 4-H activities or 4-H clubs please check our website: www.offices.ext.vt.edu/culpeper or contact Cristy Nibblins, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development (Nibblins@vt.edu) or JoAnna Kilby, Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development (jlkilark@vt.edu) or at (540) 727-3435.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services, or other accommodations to participate in any of these activities, please contact Virginia Cooperative Extension, Culpeper Office, at (540)727-3435 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to discuss accommodations for this event.

WHEN DO I CULL A COW FROM MY COW-CALF HERD?

Peter Callan, Extension Agent, Farm Business Management

Culling decisions – picking out and setting aside those cows that are inferior to the herd -- can significantly impact the bottom line for cow-calf producers. Many producers are not sure when they should cull a cow from their herds. Disposition, reproductive rate, feed costs, poor performance, lameness and undesirable udder traits are the important factors in making the decision to cull a cow from the herd.

As a former dairy farmer, I feel that animals with undesirable dispositions (high strung, easily excitable) are dangerous and should be immediately culled. These animals can easily cause injury to people and animals. Is it worth it for the owner and/or employees to risk getting injured by keeping this animal in the herd? Disposition is a heritable trait! Animals who do not respect electric and/or permanent fences can be a “major headache” because they are constantly breaking out of pastures. These animals consume significant amounts of unproductive time repairing fences and chasing the animals to get them back into the pasture. The bottom line is that these animals should be culled ASAP from the herd.

One of the most important factors that impacts the profitability in a cow-calf operation is reproductive rate. A productive cow is expected to produce a calf



at least once a year. Open (not pregnant) cows are a drain on resources. They consume feed, forage and other resources without producing a marketable calf to contribute to expense payments. Cows that calve outside of a controlled calving season are also potential culls, particularly when feed and forage supplies are running short. Late

calving cows should also be considered for culling, because they have less opportunity to breed back to stay within a controlled breeding season.

Farm management economists have estimated that feed costs are approximately \$400/cow/year. Cows that are open at the end of the breeding season should be at the top of the cull list. Many producers have taken the position that “well if a cow does not get bred this year, I will keep her for another year and then see if we can get her bred. If I can not get her bred (pregnant) next year then I will sell her.” Can a producer afford to spend \$400 to feed an open cow for a year in hopes that the cow will get pregnant the following year?

Cows exhibiting poor calf performance (bottom one-third of the herd for calf 205-day adjusted weaning weights) over the first and second calving seasons generally do not significantly improve performance in future calving seasons (third and subsequent calving seasons). Poor calf performance is

usually the result of inferior genetics, poor dam milk production, calf sickness or a combination of these factors. Cows transmitting inferior genetics to their calves should be at the top of the list of animals to be culled. However, if poor calf performance is due in large part to calf sickness and not associated with the dam, then the dam may still have a productive future in the herd.



Herd records help provide the owner with production data that the owner may use to make informed culling decisions. Without production records, these decisions are based on the owner’s memory of the dam and conformation of the calf. As a result, owners may be selling offspring from their most productive animals due to the lack of records.

Undesirable conformation characteristics can lead to culling an animal. Poor feet and legs (broken down pasterns and lack of foot angle) cause lameness and reduced mobility which leads to reduced grazing. This results in decreased performance, decreased reproductive efficiency (less likely to show signs of estrus), weight loss and increased veterinary costs (foot rot). An udder that has a level floor with normal sized teats makes it easy for the calf to nurse. Cows with abnormal teat size (long balloon shaped teats) and/or a sloping udder floor tend to have pendulous udders. This makes it harder for the calf to nurse which may result in lower milk consumption and lower weaning weights.

The timing of selling a cull cow is a marketing decision. Cull cow price levels and seasonal trends should be taken into consideration when deciding when to sell them. When cull cow prices are trending upward, it is often advantageous to wait to market cows if the increasing values can cover added feed expenses from holding over cull cows. If a producer has a thin cull cow and an abundant supply of grass, he may consider keeping the cow in order that the cow will gain weight and sell for a higher price. Conversely, if a producer is short of feed, the cull cow should be marketed immediately once the cow has been determined open. When cull cow prices are trending downward, it is advisable to market cull cows in a timely manner before more money is spent on cow maintenance.

Cow culling strategies impact calf quality and quantity and profitability of the cow-calf operation. By making informed culling decisions, producers will be able to maintain and enhance herd performance and increase herd profitability.

Virginia Cooperative Extension *A partnership of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University* (Continued)**MOW LIKE A PRO***Carl C. Stafford, Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources*

One of the unique features of turfgrasses is that, unlike most other plants in the landscape, lawn grasses tolerate regular mowing at amazingly close clipping heights. Regarding mowing, there is nothing done more frequently in lawn maintenance, and also nothing done worse on a regular basis either! Here are some mowing tips that will improve the quality of your lawn:

Keep mower blades sharp. Mowing with a sharp blade on a standard rotary mower is one of the best ways to improve lawn quality and turf health, and it also improves fuel-use efficiency and extends engine life. When is the last time the blade was sharpened and balanced? I recommend homeowners sharpen the blade at least three times per growing season: start the year off with a sharp blade, sharpen it again in late spring, and then once more in mid-late summer.

Match mowing heights to species and situation. Most mowers have adjustments for raising and lowering the mowing height. If the lawn has a light green to white hue after cutting, it is a good bet it was mowed too low. Most grasses do well in the 2-3 inch cutting height range. For cool-season turfgrasses, frequent mowing on the lower side of the recommended height is fine in the fall and early spring months, and this height actually promotes better turf density. However, by early June it is recommended to raise cutting heights prior to the summer stress period to optimize rooting depth to help the plant survive the heat and

drought of summer. Many of the best lawns are mowed at 4 or more inches during the summer, and some are rarely mowed at all.

Follow the “1/3rd rule”. Research many years ago clearly showed that when mowing at an appropriate height for the grass, if no more than 1/3rd of the leaf blade is removed during mowing, then the grass plant will maintain a healthy balance between roots and shoots. Removing most of the foliage forces food resources to the leaves instead of the roots and stems.

Finally, return clippings to the turf whenever possible, and if they are collected, compost them rather than placing them in the landfill. Gardeners need to be aware that compost from lawn clippings can contain residual herbicides. Clippings are simply organic fertilizer for the lawn and do not contribute to thatch build-up. Almost 1/3rd of a lawn’s seasonal fertility requirement can be met by returning clippings. Treat clippings just like granular fertilizers – keep them on the lawn!

Need further information? For more best management practices in lawn and landscape management contact your local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, search the VCE website (www.ext.vt.edu/), or log on to the VT Turf Team’s ‘Turf and Garden Tips’ blog at www.weblogs.cals.vt.edu/

**Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market**

The **Culpeper Downtown Farmers Market** sponsored by **Culpeper Renaissance, Inc.** is open every Saturday May - October from 7:30 a.m. until noon at the East Davis and Commerce Street parking lot in historic downtown Culpeper. This is a summer Saturday morning EVENT in Culpeper featuring over 40 participants.

Meet friends, select local produce, and support regional farmers, while listening to live music and enjoying local arts and crafts.

For more information please contact Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. at 540-825-4416 or visit our website at www.culpeperdowntown.com



Recognition for 30 Years of Service

On March 19, 1979, Virginia Coppedge began her career as a Deputy Clerk in the Culpeper County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. (She later became Chief Deputy Clerk in July of 1991). But on this first day, she accompanied Miss Dorothy Faulconer to the courtroom and listened to a motion being argued. A fire was ignited and her fate was revealed. "When Virginia came to the Clerk's office, she was very quiet and shy. However, that soon changed and she became "Grits." Virginia never forgot anything she learned and was an asset to the Clerk's office," says former Clerk, Faulconer. Since that day, she has spent many days, and nights, in the courtroom.

Virginia's knowledge and efficiency in preparing court orders, show causes, capiases, and maintaining all criminal files has made her a great asset to the County and its citizens. Many County employees such as, bailiffs, jailers, probation officers, and record court clerks, see her as a professional and an encouragement to others. "When considering running for Clerk in 1991, one of the first things I did was to ask Virginia if she would be my chief deputy. With her leadership and devotion to the Court, I could focus on other duties in the office. It was my pleasure and fortune to have had the services of Virginia during my time as Clerk. I appreciate her many long hours of public service," commented former Clerk Pat Payne. There is no doubt that she is known for taking pride in her work and is so very well respected in the community. On December 18, 2004, Virginia was chosen by her co-workers as the recipient of the prestigious Employee of the Year award. With this honor, she received a certificate, reserved parking space for one year, day off, embroidered jacket, and \$100 bonus (awarded through the Employee Action Committee fund).

Ms. Coppedge has worked for three different Clerks and six different judges throughout her career thus far. Dorothy Faulconer

(March 1979-June 1991), Patricia Payne (July 1991-June 2005), and the current Clerk, Janice J. Corbin, are among the honored that have had the chance to work with Virginia and speak very highly of her. "I am truly blessed to have her as my chief deputy. I remember when I took office, she was the first to come to me, and she asked me not to take her out of the court-

room. Virginia always takes pride in her work and is awesome to work with," says Corbin. It's true; Virginia's heart lies in the courtroom. So, Harold Purcell, Vance Frye, David Berry, Lloyd Sullenberger, John Cullen, and the current Judge, John G. Berry are really the lucky ones who have had her expertise and precision to rely on.

Virginia Coppedge has spent 31 years in the Circuit Court thus far, and has witnessed a number of changes throughout the years. But one thing has remained constant through it all - her love for the courtroom! Fortunately, she plans to continue serving her community through her employment, but of course she will one day retire. And on that day, the Clerk's Office will lose one of their best and most passionate employees.



Virginia Coppedge, Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court

Culpeper receives Virginia Main Street Milestone Award

On Thursday, March 25, Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. and the Town of Culpeper were presented with a Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Award for \$40 million in private investment toward downtown revitalization.

The award was presented at the Virginia Main Street Milestone Achievement Awards ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the program at a special dinner held at Lynchburg's Craddock Terry Hotel.

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development Director William C. Shelton addressed the Main Street volunteers, local leaders, businesses, local governments and private investors in attendance. "The work being done in Main Street communities requires a collaborative effort across the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. Bringing them together in a shared vision of a vibrant downtown requires leadership. Over the past 25 years that leadership fostered a new climate in Virginia downtowns, helping to create more than 14,000 jobs."

Michael Lysczek noted that "One of the focal points of the Main Street program is to create a business climate that encourages investment in the downtown district. Receiving an award for surpassing the 40 million dollar investment milestone is an unparalleled achievement for a town of this size." For more information about the Virginia Main Street program, visit their Web page at: www.dhcd.virginia.gov/MainStreet For more information about Culpeper Renaissance Inc., call (540) 825-4416 or visit their Web page at: www.culpeperdowntown.com



Left to right: Mr. Kyle H Meyer, VMS Community Development Program Administrator; Mr. Patrick J. Mulhern, Town of Culpeper Director of Planning and Community Development; Mr. Michael Lysczek, Culpeper Renaissance Inc. President; Mr. Jeffrey W. Sadler VMS Program Manager.



Eastern View High School Teams Advance to Area Competition

On Wednesday March 17, in the backdrop of Rappahannock County Park, the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District held its 2010 Local Envirothon competition. Three teams competed: Eastern View High School Team A, Eastern View High School Team B and Wakefield Country Day School. The teams competed in the fields of aquatics, forestry, groundwater protection, soils and wildlife and each gave a 20-minute presentation on groundwater protection through urban, environmental and agricultural planning. Total scores are as follows: EVHS Team A 572.16; EVHS Team B 434.461; Wakefield 370.833

With these scores, EVHS Team A and Team B advanced to the Area II Envirothon competition on April 21st at Eleanor Lawrence Park in Fairfax. EVHS Team A included Bonnie Hansen, Rachael Hulvey, Lauren Lukow, Nina Lukow, and Rachel Murphy. EVHS Team B includes Avery Barbour, Brandon Fincham, Mattie Hyler,



Team B Gives their Presentation

Cody Phelps and Robin Ramey. Envirothon features five “in-the-field” test stations – soils, wildlife, aquatics, forestry and a current environmental issue – where teams answer questions in both written and hands-on formats. During an oral presentation teams propose a management solution related to the current environmental issue to a panel of judges consisting of industry and natural

resource professionals. This year’s issue was “Groundwater Protection through Urban, Environmental and Agricultural Planning.” The team’s presentation addressed the topic as it relates to the Northampton County’s groundwater supply issues.

For updates on the teams’ progress, visit www.culpeper.vaswcd.org and click on Envirothon.

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District needs help sponsoring students for next year’s Envirothon. If you can help, or would like to know more about starting an Envirothon team at your high school through 4-H, FFA, Ecology Club or home school group, contact Stephanie DeNicola at Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District at (540) 825-8591 or

Stephanie.DeNicola@va.nacdnet.net.

Envirothon is sponsored by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Virginia’s 47 Soil and Water Conservation Districts with funding provided by the Virginia Manufacturers Association Outreach Group, The Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund, The Virginia Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Canon Envirothon.

Help Available for Septic System Pumping, Repair & Replacement

Culpeper County residents in the Hazel River Watershed may be eligible for 50-75% cost-share to maintain, repair or replace their septic systems. To find out if you are in the Hazel River watershed call the District office at 540-825-8591.



Team A Works at the Groundwater Station

Rain Barrel Programs Offered Through Parks & Recreation

This fall we will be offering a rain barrel workshop. To sign up, check the Parks and Recreation pull out section in the fall issue of **Culpeper Minutes**.

The mission of Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote the stewardship of soil and water and the conservation of our natural resources by educating and providing technical assistance to manage, protect, and enhance the land and water for the benefit and enjoyment of the citizens of Culpeper, Greene, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock counties.

Culpeper County is represented on the Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District Board by Directors John Boldridge, Laura Campbell and Thomas O’Halloran and Associate Director Jocelyn Lampert.

For more information about lawn care, best management practices, reporting pollution, moving dirt and other issues regarding soil and water conservation please contact Stephanie Rose DeNicola, Communications Specialist of Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District at (540) 825-8591.

RRMRC Volunteers Assist with H1N1 Response

For six years RRMRC volunteers have been attending trainings and drills preparing to help during public health emergencies. Thankfully, there were no local public health emergencies prior to the arrival of the H1N1 flu in 2009. RRMRC volunteers were asked to assist the health district with H1N1 clinics in the fall of 2009 and winter of 2010 and their response was phenomenal. Eighty volunteers assisted at 86 H1N1 clinics in our five counties providing 980 hours of service. Twenty-three of these clinics (320 volunteer hours) were

in Culpeper County. Volunteers assisted Health District staff setting up clinics, bringing supplies to vaccination tables, directing clients, helping clients fill out necessary paperwork, and cleaning up after each clinic. RRMRC nurses assisted with vaccinations.

Would you like to be prepared to assist if there is another public health emergency? If yes, this is the time to join the RRMRC. Volunteers are trained and have opportunities to practice and prepare before activation. This makes it easier for you and your



family when there is a real event.

Want to join the RRMRC? Complete the application online at <http://rrmrc.vdh.virginia.gov> or by calling 540-829-7350 x132 to have it mailed to you.

As always – please remember to cover your cough, wash your hands, stay home when you are sick. And, get your flu shot!

Virginia Department of Health

H1N1 Influenza - Culpeper Response

The US declared a public health emergency in late April 2009; a novel flu virus, initially called swine flu and later 2009 H1N1 influenza, circulated into the US from Mexico. Although symptoms of this new virus were similar to the seasonal flu, the mortality and morbidity rates were much higher among persons who were young or pregnant, raising concern to a new level. By June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the H1N1 Pandemic at Phase 6, signifying that a global pandemic was underway.

Scientists started working on a vaccine for H1N1 in April and the race was on. No one knew whether 2009 H1N1 flu would be catastrophic or not, but looking at flu pandemics in the last century, the potential was there. Vaccine development takes at least 5- 6 months including time for production and clinical trials. To minimize the spread of flu during this time the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health promoted flu reduction strategies including social distancing, good hand washing, and staying home when sick.

In Culpeper, staff from the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District gave presentations to County and school officials, educational talks

to community groups, provided information to local physicians, worked with hospitals, ordered supplies, hired temporary staff and made plans to streamline usual health department clinics in order to provide the vaccine to our citizens as soon as it was available. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers were a critical part of the H1N1 response (see above for related article).

There were many concerns about an initial limited supply of vaccine. In response the CDC published a priority list of those people who should be first in line to receive vaccine:

- Pregnant women
- Those that live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency services personnel
- Those 6 months - 24 years of age
- Those 25 through 64 years with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems

Once vaccine production was sufficient, it was made available to anybody who wanted it.

Since school age children accounted for a large percentage of the priority groups, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District decided to provide H1N1 vaccine in the schools. Working with school administrators, nurses, and parents, the health district began sending teams to vacci-

nate students in Culpeper County in late October and finished in January 2010. Elementary schools required two visits to ensure that students under 10 years old received a second dose of vaccine. There are approximately 9,600 public and private school students in Culpeper County. The health district provided 4,052 vaccinations to Culpeper students (42%). In addition, 832 doses of vaccine were provided to both high risk persons and the general population at the Culpeper Health Department between October and March.

H1N1 is still very much with us. In April the CDC announced that this is a critical time in our response as H1N1 influenza continues to circulate and there are still vulnerable children and adults who lack the protection of vaccination. Areas in the southeastern U.S. are continuing to report regional or local flu activity, including on college campuses. Locally, there is still plenty of vaccine available and we continue to encourage anyone who has not yet been vaccinated to do so as there is concern of the possibility of a third wave.

Both the WHO and the Food and Drug Administration have decided to include the H1N1 2009 strain in next fall's seasonal influenza vaccine.

Commissioner of the Revenue

Terry L. Yowell



If you get a chance, please come see us
at our NEW LOCATION!



The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue is no longer located in the Courthouse. Our office was moved to its new location at 151 N. Main Street, Suite 201 in April 2009.

Depending on how long you have been a resident of Culpeper, this building was formerly known as Wachovia Bank, Central Fidelity Bank or, even further back, Culpeper National Bank. Public entrance to the building is on Main Street and our Office is located on the main floor. Limited street parking is available on Main Street and on Cameron Street. There is also parking available in the three hour lot behind the building. Handicapped parking is available in the alley right beside the building.

Please stop in if you need assistance with:

- Personal Property Assessment
- Business Personal Property Assessment
- Machinery and Tools Assessment
- Manufactured (Mobile) Home Assessment
- Public Service Assessment
- Transient Occupancy/Lodging Tax
- VA State Income Tax
- VA State Estimated Income Tax

As always, if you need assistance or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Commonwealth of Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts

Did you know the Office of Commissioner of the Revenue is audited every year by the Commonwealth of Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts?

The primary objective of the Auditor of Public Accounts is to ensure that officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls and complied with state laws and regulations.

When you file your quarterly state estimated income tax returns with this Office, you include a payment. Some of you must also include a payment when filing your annual state income tax return.

The Commonwealth mandates specific procedures as well as deadlines that this Office must comply with when accepting payments from you.

I am happy to report that since you elected me Commissioner of the Revenue back in 2002, the results of the Audit each year found this Office has “*complied in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds*”.

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The Culpeper County Commissioner's Office is pleased to offer online public access services at www.culpepercounty.gov

CULPEPER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/Sheriff Jim Branch Jr.

110 W. Cameron St. Culpeper, Va. 22701 (540) 727-7520
Emergency 911 – Records Office (540) 727-3400 – Crime Tip Line (540) 727-0300

Attention golfers: Sheriff's annual tournament returns in August



The Sheriff's Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Country Club of Culpeper on **Monday, Aug. 23**. Proceeds benefit the holiday shop-with-a-cop program. (Local children are paired with Deputies to purchase Christmas gifts.)

The price per golfer is \$75 and sponsorship packages are available for teams. Breakfast and lunch is included for golfers.

For more information contact:

- Major Russell Lane**
- (540) 727-3444 Ext. 102
 - Ruslane@culpepercounty.gov

Deputy Billy Wayland

 - (540) 547-2020

Investigator David Payne

 - (540) 727-7523 Ext. 288
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Cars for hole-in-one shots on specific holes are being donated by Battlefield Ford and Chrysler of Culpeper. We thank these businesses for their support.



CCSO Web site is an online resource for Culpeper residents

The Culpeper County Sheriff's Office website, www.culpepersheriffsoffice.com, has a new design and provides residents 24-hour access to information about the agency. Arrest reports, incident briefs and press releases are added to the site weekly. A full summary of various services and crime prevention programs is included online; the site has information on the patrol and traffic divisions, investigations, the Culpeper Adult Detention Center and the Records Office. Contact information for Sheriff Jim Branch, the command staff, investigators and school resource officers is also listed.

If there is information you'd like to see added online, please e-mail CCSO Public Relations Officer Corey Byers: cbyers@culpepercounty.gov



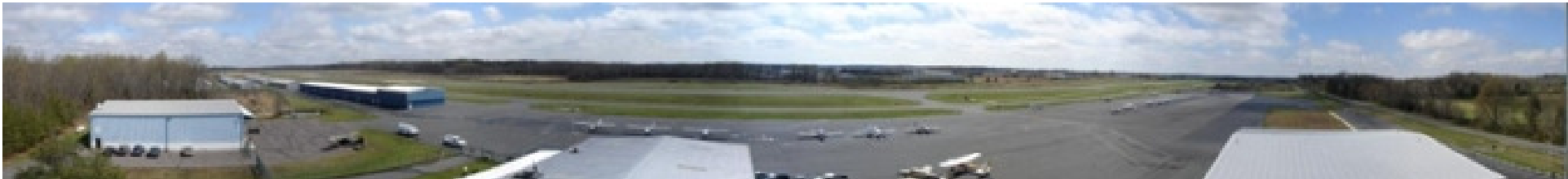
Detention Center inmates help local homeless shelter with laundry

For the last few years, inmates at the Culpeper Adult Detention Center have provided a much-needed service for the Culpeper Ministerial Association Heat Shelter during the winter months. Trustee inmates, who perform various chores at the detention center, have been cleaning blankets, sheets and pillow cases for the shelter as part of their daily duties. Volunteers from the shelter drop off laundry at the center early in the morning; trustees collect the bags of laundry and finish the cleaning by late afternoon.

The free laundry service is a constructive use of time by trustee inmates and also provides a basic, low-cost service for the community. The minimal cost of electric, water, sewer and detergent to process the shelter's laundry is covered by the Sheriff's Office.

**Have you become physically and/or verbally abusive to your spouse or significant other?
Help is available.**

Contact Culpeper County Criminal Justice Services at 540-727-3450 for referral to a treatment provider.



Culpeper Regional Airport

A Message from the Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee

Hello to all. It has been my pleasure to have served on the Airport Committee for over ten years and now to serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Committee is composed of some of the brightest and best leaders in the County of Culpeper including corporate leaders, lawyers, businessmen, and just plain people who have a common interest in aviation and in how the Airport serves us. We receive strong support and guidance from the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors, members of which regularly attend our meetings, and direct supervision of the Airport staff by the County Administrator Frank Bossio.

We have a customer satisfaction survey that reveals issues for resolving. We now have over 90 people on the waiting list for hangar space. We have an annual Air Show that has grown from about 100 attendees to several thousand in 10 years, with great corporate support. We have dedicated and experienced Airport management staff that has grown in capability as the Airport has grown.

Culpeper Regional Airport provides community service, not only with facilities for local fliers, but with accommodations for corporate prop and jet aircraft. We offer a nearby alternate to the crowded and user unfriendly major airports for those who travel regularly by air. As a Regional Airport the Airport Committee sees this alternate as an area of growth and service to our community. We want to thank you, the citizens of Culpeper County, for supporting your local Airport.

*John Hunton,
Airport Committee Chairman*

HAPPENINGS AT THE CULPEPER AIRPORT

The National Capitol Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force, located at the Culpeper Airport is undertaking an extensive restoration of a WWII General Motors Avenger, designated a TBM-3E, returning it to flight.

They have decided to commemorate an aircraft that was assigned to the Marine Squadron VMTB-143 aboard the Escort Carrier Gilbert Islands (CVE-107) which earned three battle stars for supporting the landings at Okinawa, Balikpapan (Borneo) as well as operations off the coast of Japan. The representative aircraft selected was flown by an actual Virginia Marine Corps pilot, Lt. William P. Hay, who flew the squadron TBM # P87 (“Doris Mae”) and currently lives in Farmville, VA. The following photo is illustrative of what the paint scheme was for VMTB-143 aircraft and what our finished TBM will look like.

The mission of the Commemorative Air

Force is to restore to flying condition combat aircraft in order to perpetuate in the memory and in the hearts of all Americans the spirit in which these great planes were flown in defense of our nation. It is in keeping with this mission that we have chosen to commemorate VMTB-143, Lt. Hay and his fellow squadron members.

The photo below shows the status of the work being done in Fawn Grove, PA. Completion is planned for 2011, hopefully in time for the October 2011 Air Fest. The restoration is an expensive effort led by volunteers. Funds donated to complete the work are to a 501 (c) 3 organization. For further information you may contact the National Capitol Squadron at 540-727-0018 or Col Grover Amick at 540-423-1005.

The Squadron hosts an “Open Hangar Day” from 9 AM to 5 PM on the second Saturday of every month. These events are free to the public. Numerous WWII and later aircraft and vehicles are on display in the combination hangar/museum. So come and join us!



Col Grover Amick, National Capitol Squadron

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Social Security Administration

Calling all Medicare Claimants—Changes could apply to YOU!

If you've been thinking about applying for extra help with your Medicare prescription drug costs, then now's the time to get on the dance floor and hop to it.

Chubby Checker, the Grammy Award winning rock and roll legend most known for his hit, "The Twist," has teamed up with Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, to tell people about a new "twist" in the law. The change in the law makes it easier for people with Medicare to qualify for extra help with their prescription drug costs.

"The changes in the Medicare law will allow hundreds of thousands of Americans who are struggling to pay their prescription drug costs to get extra help during these tough economic times," said Commissioner Astrue. "I am thrilled that Chubby Checker has volunteered to help us spread this important message through a new television, radio, and Internet spot as well as pamphlets and posters."

"Listen up, America! For 50 years, people of all ages and backgrounds have danced the Twist," Chubby Checker said. "Now it's important everyone learn about this new twist in the law.

Check it out at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>."

There are income and resource limits a person needs to meet to qualify for the extra help. But the new Medicare law eases those requirements in two ways:

- The cash value of life insurance no longer counts as a resource; and
 - Assistance people receive from others to pay for household expenses, such as food, rent, mortgage, or utilities, no longer counts as income.
- A bonus "twist" is that the application you file for extra help can now start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs as well — state programs that provide help with other Medicare costs.

These programs help pay Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums.

For some people, the Medicare Savings Programs also pay Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) premiums, if any, and Part A and B deductibles and co-payments.

To learn more about the extra help program and to view the new television spot featuring Chubby Checker, visit Social Security online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp>

Nancy E. Davis, Culpeper District Manager

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